

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15 with the following paragraph:**

It is further assumed that the packet protection network 203 has a working route from the router 204A to the router 204F through the routers 204B and 204C and a reserved route from the router 204A to the router 204F through the routers 204D and ~~204F~~ 204E. In this example, the respective routers 204A and 204F are also a start-point router and an end-point router of the working and reserved routes.